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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: MINKKINEN et al  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.